



LEGISLATIVE BRANCH ▪ CITY OF BINGHAMTON

Teri Rennia, City Council President
Angela Holmes, City Clerk

MINUTES
City Council Work Session
Work Session Room, 38 Hawley Street, Binghamton, N.Y.
Monday May 5, 2014

Called to Order. Called to order by Council President Rennia at 5:00pm.

Council Members Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Lea Webb, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Council Members Absent: None

Also in attendance: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel (arrived at 5:54pm); Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk

ITEMS CONSIDERED

Discussion. Requesting \$100,000 for feasibility study to establish the Hillcrest Depot facility as a regional emergency shelter and training facility for emergency and public safety services.

Presented by: Brett Chellis, Director of Broome County Emergency Services; Daniel Eggleston, Fire Marshal; Elaine Miller, Director of Broome County Department of Planning and Economic Development

RL 14-58. A Resolution authorizing the application for and acceptance of a 2014 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant.

Presented by: Angela Holmes, City Clerk

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Webb, Rennia, Mihalko, Papastrat
Sent to Corporation Counsel to be drafted as legislation.

Note: Item sent to the Business Meeting held on May 7, 2014.

RL 14-62. A Resolution in support of Global Business Alliance of Greater Binghamton.

Presented by: Lois Andrascik, Global Business Alliance of Greater Binghamton; Steve Day, Global Business Alliance of Greater Binghamton

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Webb, Matzo, Rennia, Berg, Mihalko, Papastrat
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RL 14-60. An Ordinance authorizing the transfer of \$7,693 from budget line A1364.54681 (In Rem Taxes) to budget line A1364.54682 (Purchase of Real Property).

Presented by: Jennifer Taylor, Acting Director of Planning, Housing and Community Development
Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Webb, Rennia, Mihalko, Papastrat
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RL 14-59. A Resolution authorizing a professional service agreement with Troy and Banks for energy and gross receipt billing.

Presented by: Michael Dervay, Purchasing Agent

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Webb, Rennia, Mihalko, Papastrat
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RL 14-54. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Intermedix to provide ambulance billing services for a period of three (3) years.

Presented by: Council President Rennia; Michael Dervay, Purchasing Agent

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Matzo, Rennia, Webb, Mihalko

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Note: RL initially presented at the Work Session on April 21, 2014, and received support from Motsavage, Rennia and Webb. As the item did not receive support from either the majority of the committee in which it was considered or the majority of Council as a whole, the item failed. After reviewing the RL at this Work Session, the proposal received the required support to move forward. Item sent to the Business Meeting held on May 7, 2014.

RL 14-63. A Resolution authorizing an agreement with Shumaker Engineers to provide construction inspection services for the Front Street Reconstruction at Clinton Street Project.

Presented by: Philip T. Krey, City Engineer

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Matzo, Motsavage, Webb, Rennia, Mihalko, Papastrat

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Note: Item sent to the Business Meeting held on May 7, 2014.

Discussion. Review of unallocated bond funds.

Presented by: Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works; Philip T. Krey, City Engineer; Charles Pearsall, Comptroller

Discussion. Review of the reallocation of bond funds for street reconstruction, as outlined in Permanent Ordinance 14-12, adopted on April 9, 2014, entitled "An Ordinance authorizing a revision to the 2014 Capital Budget".

Presented by: Councilman Motsavage

Discussion. Contract information on recycling bins.

Presented by: Gary Holmes, Commissioner of Public Works; Councilwoman Webb

Recess. Motion to recess at 6:30pm in order to attend the Planning Commission public hearing in the City Council Chambers regarding the proposed Comprehensive Plan, with the intent to reconvene after the public hearing.

Moved by Mihalko, seconded by Matzo.

Voice vote, none opposed.

Reconvene. Called to order by Council President Rennia at 7:28pm.

Council Members Present: Jerry Motsavage, Joseph Mihalko, Teri Rennia, Lea Webb, Chris Papastrat, John Matzo, Bill Berg

Council Members Absent: None

Also in attendance: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel; Angela Holmes, City Clerk; Jeremy Pelletier, Deputy City Clerk

RL 14-57. A Resolution Re-Classifying a vacant Code Officer Position to Code Inspector.

Presented by: Thomas Costello, Supervisor of Building Construction, Zoning & Code Enforcement

Request for Legislation supported by: Berg, Webb, Papastrat, Motsavage, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko



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Discussion. Updating the City's noise regulations. The Municipal and Public Affairs Committee will meet on Wednesday May 21, 2014 at 5:30pm to review this matter further.

Presented by: Councilman Motsavage

Discussion. Proposed amendment to The Belmar Pub's noise variance application.

Presented by: Angela Holmes, City Clerk

Discussion. Amending the scope of the Shade Tree Commission's role, limiting recommendations to development on public space only.

Presented by: Councilman Berg

RL 14-61. A Resolution calling on the Governor, the New York State Assembly, and the New York State Senate to enact the "Abandoned Property Neighborhood Relief Act of 2014".

Presented by: Council President Rennia

Request for Legislation supported by: Motsavage, Berg, Webb, Matzo, Rennia, Mihalko, Papastrat

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Note: Item sent to the Business Meeting held on May 7, 2014.

Discussion. Review of pending legislation and committee reports.

Presented by: Council President Rennia

Discussion. Review of Jennifer Taylor's comments on RL 14-60, emailed to the City Clerk after her initial presentation, noting for the record that the proposed budget transfers would have to be approved by the Board of Estimate and Apportionment.

Presented by: Angela Holmes, City Clerk

Discussion. Food truck located on Wall Street.

Presented by: Angela Holmes, City Clerk

Discussion. Council members reviewed the proposed legislation for RL 14-55, entitled "An Ordinance amending the Charter of the City of Binghamton regarding residency requirements for City of Binghamton employees". All Council members requested the removal of their names from the sponsor list.

Discussion. Amendments to the Code of the City of Binghamton regarding the provision of residency waivers to City employees. All Council members requested the removal of their names from the sponsor list. As the item did not receive support from either the majority of the committee in which it was considered or the majority of Council as a whole, the item failed, and will be removed from the agenda for the Business Meeting held on May 7, 2014.

Presented by: Kenneth J. Frank, Corporation Counsel

Discussion. Perceptions of the Binghamton City School District.

Presented by: Councilman Berg



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Discussion. Our Space at Recreation Park.

Presented by: Councilman Mihalko

Adjournment. Motion to adjourn at 8:43pm.

Moved by Webb, seconded by Motsavage.

Voice vote, none opposed.